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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michael Zimmer, age 43, an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker, to possessing contraband in prison. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison.

On June 24, 2006, Zimmer's wife, Bonnie, age 52, of Wisconsin Dells, brought four \$100 bills and a medallion into the prison visiting room in her purse. A video taken in the visiting room showed Mr. Zimmer removing the bills and the medallion from her purse and concealing them in his shoe. Zimmer was later searched and the items were found.

On November 21, 2006, Bonnie Zimmer pleaded guilty to providing Michael Zimmer with the prohibited items. She will be sentenced on January 19, 2007.

The charges against the Zimmers were the result of an investigation conducted by FCI-Oxford Investigative Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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